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SUBJECT: PRODUCER-CONSUMER PREPCON

RE CHAIRMANSHIP AND SITE FOR ULTIMATE CONFERENCE, WE UNDER-
STAND THAT DRAFT PREPCON COMMUNIQUE CIRCULATED BY FRENCH
INDICATES PARIS AS SITE FOR CONFERENCE BUT LEAVES ISSUE OF
CHAIRMANSHIP TO BE SETTLED WHEN CONFERENCE CONVENES. THIS
COMBINATION WOULD CREATE GREAT PRESSURES FOR FRENCH CHAIR-
MANSHIP OF ULTIMATE CONFERENCE SINCE THERE IS UNLIKELY TO
BE ALTERNATIVE CANDIDATE PUT FORWARD IN PARIS AT TIME OF
CONFERENCE. THEREFORE DELEGATION SHOULD MAINTAIN LINKAGE,
AS IN POSITION PREPARED FOR PREPCON, WHEREBY PARIS WOULD
ONLY BE ACCEPTED AS SITE FOR CONFERENCE IF THERE WERE PRIOR
AGREEMENT ON CHAIRMAN ACCEPTABLE TO US (I.E. UN, IEA NEU-
TRAL, OR ROTATING CHAIR, BUT NOT REPEAT NOT FRENCH CHAIR-
MANSHIP). OUR OPPOSITION TO FRENCH CHAIRMANSHIP FOR CON-
FERENCE IS STRENGTHENED BY ACTIVIST ROLE OF FRENCH
"TECHNICAL CHAIRMAN" WHICH HAS SOMETIMES BEEN PREJUDICIAL
TO CONSUMER INTERESTS DURING PREPCON. THIS LEADS US TO
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